

Five killed over fish pond in Benue community

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POLICE in Benue State on Monday confirmed that five people were killed in Egba community in Agatu Local Government Area of the state over fish pond.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Catherine Anene, said that one was critically injured and receiving medical treatment at an undisclosed hospital in the state.

It was gathered that some families were fighting over the fish pond on Monday which led to the killing.

Anene, however, expressed concern over the fresh crisis on the fish pond, stating

that there had been calm in the area after series of peace meeting.

Earlier, the chairman of Agatu Local Government Area, Sule Adoyi, had confirmed the crisis, but said that information at his disposal was still scanty.

He, however, confirmed that there was a fresh crisis in the area caused by fish pond, adding that the crisis broke out around 10:00 a.m. on Monday.

Adoyi said security operatives have been deployed to the area.

"Six people have so far been killed and it is a communal problem", the chairman said.